Setting up of an Airport at Jalandhar

477. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for providing an airport at Jalandhar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any site has been identified for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Establishment of rest houses near tourist spots

478. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the establishment of Government Rest Houses near tourist spots and at important places falling on the way to such tourist places in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the number of such Rest Houses that are likely to be set up during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The construction and setting up of Rest Houses is done by the State Governments and the Department of Tourism has no role in this regard.

खाड़ी संकट के दौरान बंद की गई उड़ानों का पुनः आरंभ किया जाना

479. **श्री लक्ष्मी राम अग्रवाल** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के केवल चार शहर अर्थात् भोपाल, इंदौर, ग्वालियर, और रायपुर इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों से जुड़े हुए है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि खाड़ी संकट के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के कई शहरों के लिए वायुदूत सेवाएं और कुछ अन्य स्थानों के लिए इंडियन एयरलाइंस की निर्धारित सेवाएं बन्द कर दी गई थीं, और

(ग) क्या सरकार बन्द की गई उड़ानों को पुनः आरम्भ करने का विचार रखती है और यदि हां, तो ऐसा कब तक किए जाने की संभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) इंडियन एयरलाइंस इस समय मध्यप्रदेश राज्य में भोपाल, इंदौर, ग्वालियर रायपुर, तथा खजुराहो के लिए अपनी सेवाएं परिचालित कर रही है। वायुदूत भी इंदौर के लिए सेवा का परिचालन कर रहा है ।

(ख) जबकि वायुदूत परिचालन खाड़ी युद्ध से काफी पूर्व रोक दिये गए थे, तथापि, इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने खाड़ी युद्ध के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के स्टेशनों सहित, कई स्टेशनों के लिए अपने परिचालन स्थगित कर दिये थे ।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश के स्टेशनों से होकर जाने वाली इंडियन एयरलाइंस की सेवाएं जिन्हें खाड़ी संकट के दौरान हटा दिया गया था, पुनः शुरू कर दी गई हैं ।

Crashlanding of an airbus at Patna airport

480. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines flight 809 had a miraculous escape when the

airbus chashanded at Patna Airport on the 12th June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details of the damage caused to the Airbus;

(c) what were the exact causes of the air crash; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to avoid such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines Flight IC-809 of 12.6.92 made a normal landing at Patna Airport and during back tracking at the end of the runway its No. 2 wheel of Nose Under-carriage got damaged.

(c) and (d) The incident is under investigation.

Grounding of Airbus A-320

481. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of high tech airbus A-320 were, recently, grounded for want of vital spares;

(b) if so, what is the number of such airbuses that have aircrashed so far or are grounded at present for lack of spares;

(c) the estimated revenue loss suffered by Government as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have enquired into the mismanagement by the Indian Airlines for not keeping adequate stock of spares to avoid grounding of the airbuses; and

(e) if so, what is the outcome thereof and what measures have been taken by Government to avoid such a situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Out of a total of 19 A-320 aircraft procured by Indian Airlines, one was lost in an accident at Bangalore in February, 1990. Of the remaining aircraft, 5 remained on ground at different times for major maintenance check for prolonged periods owing to inadequate spares availability during the last six months.

(c) It is difficult at present to estimate the revenue loss.

(d) and (e) Indian Airlines has initiated action to streamline its inventory management.

Valuation of ITDC properties

482. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that four foreign banks valued ITDC hotel properties at only Rs. 702 crores whereas a similar evaluation undertaken departmentally by ITDC sometime ago, priced the said properties at around Rs. 2000 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details and comparative statement of evaluation, propertywise, as undertaken by four foreign banks and the ITDC separately;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no efforts have so far been made by the Government to verify the evaluation made by the four foreign banks as correct or otherwise;

(d) whether Government have failed to appoint an expert committee for making an independent assessment of ITDC properties by the Ministry of Finance an C & A.G.;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what action Government propose to take in this matter?